# CONFIDENTIAL
# INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY (IS)
## Child In-Home Investigation
## (without Reporter Information)

| Case Name | Intake Number | Intake Sub-Type | County |
|---|---|---|---|
| Melissa Davis | 2021-252052-01 | In-Home | Pasco |
| Date/Time Intake Received | Date/Time Screening Decision | Protective Investigator | |
| 08/18/2021 11:53 AM | 08/18/2021 12:14 PM | Myers, Genesia | |
| Date/Time Investigation Closed | | Approving Protective Investigative Supervisor | |
| 10/17/2021 11:49 PM | | YEDINAK, ROBIN S | |

### I. Allegation Narrative(s)

| Sequence Type | Date/Time Received | Response Priority |
|---|---|---|
| Initial | 08/18/2021 11:53 AM | 24 Hours |

Narrative

Nicholas has a fresh scratch mark near his temple and eye. He has a rectangular shaped bruise right next to his eye on his temple. The step father caused the injury because of Nicholas's attitude. The injury was caused his morning or yesterday evening. Nicholas is scared.

Field Narrative

### II. Victim(s)

| Name | DOB | Age | Gender | Race | Disabilities |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Galli, Nicholas Ryan | 05/13/2017 | 5 | Male | White | ☐ Yes ☒ No |

| Maltreatment | Findings | Incident Date | Caregiver Responsible | Fatality |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Physical Injury | Verified | 08/18/2021 | Davis, Donavin Michael | No |

### III. Other Participant(s)

| Name | DOB | Age | Gender | Race | Role |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Davis, Donavin Michael | 05/14/1994 | 28 | Male | White | AP-HM-PC |
| Davis, Melissa | 05/25/1991 | 31 | Female | White | Parent/Caregiver |

Date Last Updated: 10/17/2021 Last Updated By: YEDINAK, ROBIN S

### IV. What is the extent of the maltreatment? What surrounding circumstances accompany the alleged maltreatment, precipitating events, history?

Allegations:

On, August 18, 2021 the Florida Abuse Hotline received concerns for the victim child, Nicholas Galli. "Nicholas has a fresh scratch mark near his temple and eye. He has a rectangular shaped bruise right next to his eye on his temple. The stepfather caused the injury because of Nicholas's attitude. The injury was caused his morning or yesterday evening. Nicholas is scared."

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Household of Focus:

Nicholas Galli/Child (four years old)
Melissa Davis/Caregiver, she has legal custody through family court.
Donavin Davis/Spouse of Melissa

Maltreatment:

Nicholas was interviewed by CPIT Gleason and Deputy Croft on August 19, 2021. Nicholas was observed with a two bruises on his face. When asked what happened, he stated he and Donavin (who he refers to as his father) were kicking and punching each other like superheroes. He stated he is disciplined by being spanked on the butt with an open hand over clothes. His caregiver, Melissa Davis, stated that Nicholas was not listening and he jumped off of the couch and he fell and hit his head. Melissa's husband, Donavin Davis, said Nicholas was jumping on the couch and he told him to stop several times. When he continued to jump, he advised Melissa what was going on and he went outside to smoke a cigarette. He was outside and did not see Nicholas fall and hurt himself. Nicholas was interviewed at Child Protection Team and gave two additional explanations for hat occurred. He advised he was running from snakes and he advised Donavin turned him over to spank his butt and he hit his head on the side of the trailer which was the most plausible explanation provided based on his injuries. Law enforcement was present at interviews and Pasco Sheriff's Office Report 2102932 has been unfounded for child abuse.

Surrounding Circumstances:

CPIT Gleason met with Nicholas Galli at school and when asked what happened, he provided a story about how he and his father were kicking and punching each other like superheroes, and he made his dad's nose bleed.

CPIT Gleason made collateral contact with Nicholas teacher and she stated that Nicholas says his injury came from his father, Donavan.

CPIT Gleason met with the caregiver, Melissa Davis. She was upset with CPI being involved again however she was compliant and engaged in an interview. She stated Nicholas had gotten his injury after he was jumping on the couch. She told hi to stop but he would not listen and he fell and hit his face on a window sill. She stated this has not been the first time it has happened and she knows it will not be the last time because Nicholas has been diagnosed with Intermittent Explosive Disorder and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. He is prescribed Clonidine. She stated he has random outbursts that make it so he goes against what Melissa and Donavin will tell him. She submitted to a random urinalysis and was negative for all substances.

CPIT Gleason met with Donavin Davis, who stated, Nicholas was jumping on the couch. Donavin got Melissa and they were both telling him to stop. He had gone outside and smoked a cigarette and knew he fell but was not around to watch it happen. He refused to submit to a random urinalysis. He did not appear under the influence of any substances.

The child was seen at Child Protection Team on August 20, 2021 and was observed with a three and a half centimeter linear bruise extending from his hairline just over his right temple to just under the corner of his left eye. He was also observed with a non-specific one centimeter bruise at the lateral border of right eyebrow. Nicholas provided two explanations for how the injury occurred. He provided a story about running from snakes and he provided that Donavin turned him over to spank his butt and he hit his head on the side of the trailer. The medical examination supports findings of abuse based on him hitting the side of the trailer being a plausible explanation for the linear bruising.
Child Protection Team provided the following recommendations: No physical/corporal punishment. Refer parents for parenting classes to learn alternative forms of effective discipline. Recommend behavioral counseling for Nicholas if he truly has an anger or explosive disorder. Continue to follow up with pediatrician for behavioral problems. Ensure safe, nurturing home environment free from abuse and exposure to violence.

This is the fifth time Nicholas has been seen at Child Protection Team. In May 2018, Nicholas was seen for head injury that was determined to be accidental resulting from falling from bed. In January 2021, Nicholas was seen due to having injuries

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that were reportedly caused by Melissa's ex-husband, Robert Galli. Nicholas provided a clear story of physical abuse but was free of injuries. The overall findings were indeterminate in support of physical abuse. In April 2021, Nicholas was seen for physical abuse, medical neglect, and pediatric falsification/ Munchausen syndrome by proxy. The overall findings did not support abuse or neglect. Nicholas stated he is afraid of his "dad" whom he identifies as Donavin and stated that his "dad" Donavin is mean and spanks him. In June 2021, Nicholas was referred to having facial and buttock injuries caused by Donavin Davis. The injury was consistent with a high force grab. Nicholas also had linear bruising to his buttocks at the commencement of the investigation. The overall findings supported the allegations of physical abuse. At the conclusion of this investigation, Melissa, denied she would allow Donavin to continue disciplining Nicholas.

Collateral contact was completed with Marisela Castillo, school social worker at Richey Elementary. She advised Nicholas has behavioral issues and she has observed him having meltdowns in school. She denied any concerns for Melissa as a caregiver of Nicholas and expressed she would like to see Melissa officially adopt him.

On September 15, 2021 CPI Myers received a phone call from Melissa Davis, who was crying and stated Nicholas is being placed under a Baker Act due to acting out aggressively while at the pediatrician's office. She advised while at his appointment at Pediatric Associates, Nicholas was trying to take a toy from another child and when Melissa told him no, he started kicking her in the face and scratching her. He was taken to Mease Countryside Hospital, however he did not meet criteria and was referred to a pediatric neurologist.

The family engaged in Primary Diversion Services throughout the investigation. The child was linked to Sequel Care to address his needs but has not been linked to a counselor yet. Melissa was cooperative and began utilizing positive reinforcement as discipline. Donavin was resistant to work with Safe at Home and wanted the case manager to be reassigned.

Priors:
The family does have history with the department. The last report was received June 2, 2021 which was verified for physical injury with Donavin Davis as the caregiver responsible. At the conclusion of the investigation, Melissa verbalized she was separating from Donavin due to incident where Donavin lost his temper while disciplining Nicholas and grabbed Nicholas's face causing bruising. Nicholas also had bruising on his buttocks from Donavin. Child was seen at Child Protection Team and they had positive findings of abuse. Melissa was working with Family Support Services from the prior investigation . Referrals were completed to Sequel Care for Nicholas and a referral was completed to Baycare for anger management and parenting. In March 2021, a report was closed with no indicators of physical injury. There were two reports received in 2020 with no indicators of environmnetal hazards, inadequate supervision,

Findings:
Physical Injury- Not Substantiated

Sources:
Melissa Davis, Legal caregiver
Donavin Davis, Spouse of Melissa
Jamie, Case Manager/Safe At Home
Marisela Castillo, school social worker/Richey Elementary

Analysis:
The child was observed with a two bruises on his face which he provided different explanations for how they occurred. While at Child Protection Team, one of the explanations he provided was that Donavin turned him over to spank his butt and he hit his head on the side of the trailer, which is plausible based on his injury. Nicholas has behavioral outbursts both at school and home and has been linked with a pediatric neurologist who is evaluating child to determine if there is a medical basis for his behavior, as well as assessing him for Autism Spectrum Disorder. Due to this being the second incident of Nicholas receiving injuries from being disciplined by his caregiver's husband, Donavin Davis, impending danger was identified and case was transferred for in home non-judicial services.

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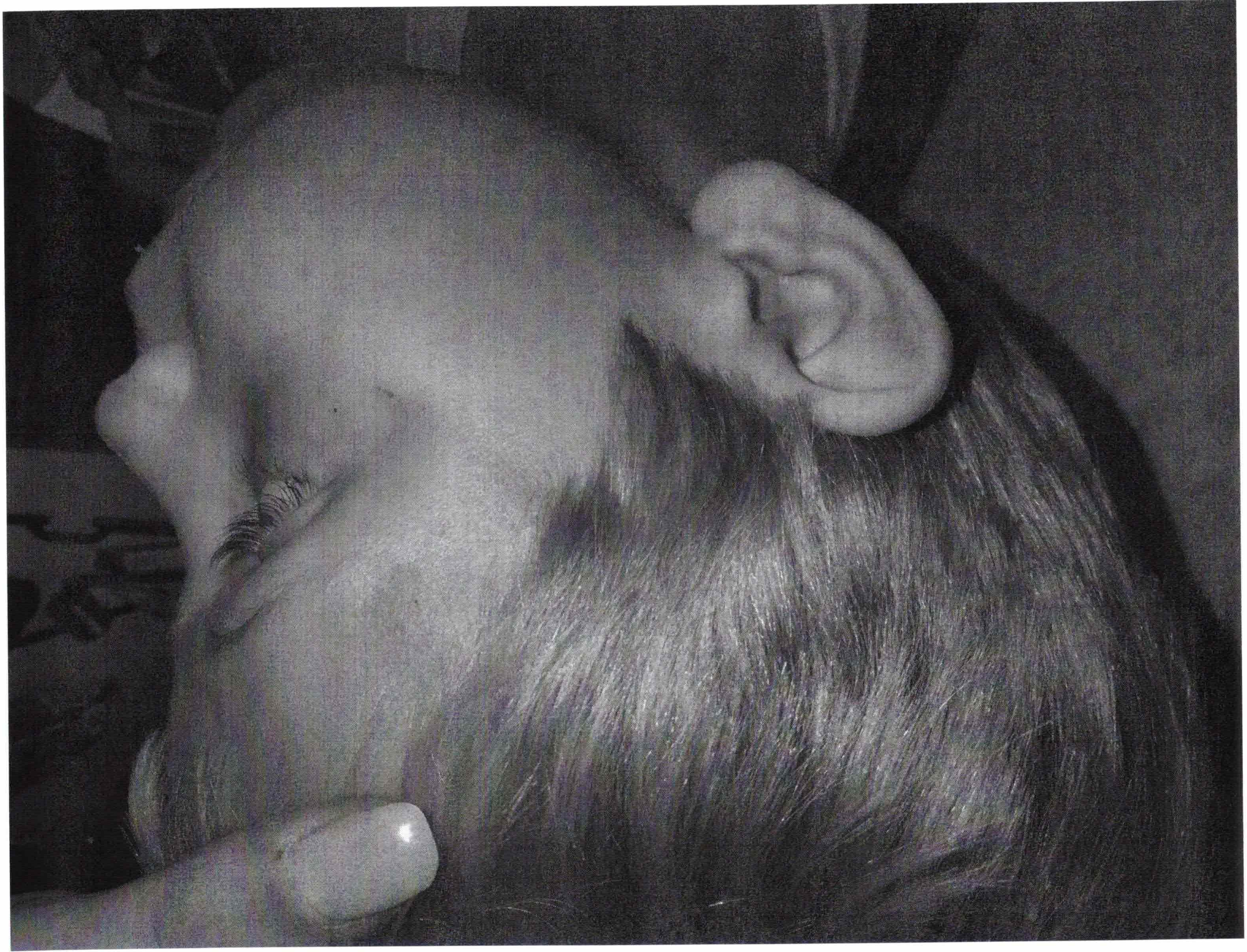
## V. Safety Analysis Summary

Nicholas was observed with two small bruises on his face at commencement. He was seen at CPT and provided several explanations for the injury to include Donavin flipping him over to spank him and he hit his face on side of trailer which was the most plausible based on the injury. CPT had positive findings that support abuse by Donavin. Nicholas is diagnosed with Intermittent Explosive Disorder and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and is prescribed medication. He attends VPK daily at Richey Elementary and according to school social worker, he has meltdowns at school, however she has no concerns for child in the home with Melissa and Donavin. Nicholas has been referred to a pediatric neurologist and they are scheduling a sleep deprivation study to determine if there are any medical issues contributing to his outbursts and are evaluating him for Autism Spectrum Disorder. Melissa engaged with Primary Diversion throughout this investigation and has begun utilizing new techniques with Nicholas. Donavin has been resistant to suggestions provided from Primary Diversion but has agreed to continue working with services to learn better parenting techniques. Case is being transferred for in-home non-judicial services.

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